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ABSTRACT

The I-Search is an inquiry-based process that compels students to move away from the traditional research report format in which they restate old information, empowering them and bringing out their curiosity and love of learning while laying a foundation for building a community of lifelong learners. Using the I-Search process, children move from a basic knowledge level of learning to the higher levels of analyzing, synthesizing, and evaluation when working with information problems. This book shows how to teach the I-Search process to elementary school students. The book is organized in five sections. Each section represents one of the five steps of the information problem-solving model children employ with the I-Search process. This five-step process will also help educators organize the I-Search unit. These steps are: (1) What do I want to know? (2) Where can I find the answers? (3) How will I record the information I find? (4) How will I show what I learned? and (5) How will I know I did a good job? The appendix presents sample student I-Search papers. Includes a bibliography and an index. (AEF)

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